

To Whom it May Concern,

Please note that I request that Senate Bill Number 317-with AMENDMENTS-and Act Concerning Dyslexia be passed.

I am a resident of the town of Fairfield, Connecticut. However, I have worked as a reading specialist/consultant in the state of Connecticut for 17 years. I can attest to the need for adequate preparation for teachers and adequate knowledgeable personnel to address the specific needs of students who are dyslexic and struggle with reading. I have worked in the Wilton Public Schools for 17 years as a reading specialist and can attest to the need for adequately trained personnel to identify and address the needs of dyslexic students as early as possible.

Please vote for Senate Bill Number 317 with AMENDMENTS.

**I support SB 317, An Act Concerning Dyslexia, but request an amendment that candidates seeking a remedial reading endorsement complete a graduate level program aligned with evidence-based practices and the IDA Knowledge and Practice Standards for Teachers of Reading.**

This serves as my written testimony. I will not be able to attend the public hearing.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Mary Ellen Higgins Reading Specialist/Consultant/Interventionist  
Wilton Public Schools

Resident of the town of Fairfield, CT